would be considered for released on receipt of complete audited statements of expenditure on Plan component of NLEP from the State and a Certificate to the effect that this expenditure has not been met out of the Central Assistance in other health components.

Bidi Workers' Welfare Fund

848. **Shri Sushil Chandra Verma :** Will the Minister of **Labour** be pleased to state :

(a) whether a bidi workers' welfare fund was established in 1977;

(b) if so, the total amount collected upto March, 1991 and the amount spent out of it for Bidi workers' welfare;

(c) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has made available 12 acres of land for construction of a 50 bedded hospital for such workers in Sagar; and

(d) if so, the time by which this hospital is likely to be opened ?

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Labour (Shri K. Ramamurthy) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Total amount collected upto 31-3-1991 is Rs. 70.09 crores. Total expenditure upto 31-3-1991 under the Fund is Rs. 42.13 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Construction of hospital building is a time consuming job, as it requires several formalities to be completed before start of construction work i.e. preparation/approval of estimates drawings and clearance of the project etc. etc. Therefore no time limit can be framed.

[*Translation*]

Scholarships to Tribal Students Seeking Admission in Indian Institute of Technology

849. **Shri Dileep Singh Bhurja :** Will the Minister of **Human Resource Development** be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of weak financial position of the students of tribal areas seeking admission in the Indian Institute of Technology, the Union Government propose to grant separate Central Scholarships to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

The Minister of Human Resource Development (Shri Arjun Singh) : (a) to (c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government. However, under the 'Post Matric Scholarship' Scheme, the eligible SC and ST students in the IITs undergoing undergraduate programmes are provided with free messing and a pocket allowance in lieu of Post Matric Scholarship.

[*English*]

Destruction of Gates at Wazirabad Barrage

850. **Shri Ram Vilas Paswan :** Will the Minister of **Urban Development** be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of gates at Wazirabad barrage were destroyed on the same night recently under mysterious circumstances;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated loss suffered by the Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking on this account;

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Union Government in this regard; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof and action taken or proposed to be taken thereon ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Urban Development (Shri M. Arunachalam): (a) and (b) The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that 14 out of 17 weir gates were found bent, on January 2, 1991. These were bent to the extent varying from